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U.S.S.N. 09/618,424

EXAMINER: K. Padmanabhan

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ART UNIT: 1641

FOR: METHOD FOR DETECTING ACETYLTRANSFERASE AND  
DEACETYLASE ACTIVITIES AND METHOD FOR SCREENING  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants kindly request that the within preliminary amendment be considered and entered together with the Request for Continued Examination, filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.